

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Appl. No.:

10/036,526

Filing Date: 01/07/2002

Examiner:

Michael L. Burleson

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
- Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

The fee required for additional claims is calculated below: [X]

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	16	-	20	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	4	-	4	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
Fi	rst presentati	on of	any Multiple	Dep	endent Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIM	S FE	E TOTAL	=	\$0.00

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
		EXTENS	ION FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
. [[] Statutor	Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
		CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIM	MER FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
		•	TOTAL FEE:	\$0.00

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 14, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: